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Art Unit	1775
Examiner Name	Blackwell, Rudasil
Attorney Docket Number	SP00-361

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Title: THIN SHEET MIRROR AND
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For the above-captioned application, Applicant is filing herewith a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. This paper is the submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

For the above-captioned application, Applicant has filed a Notice of Appeal on July 29, 2003 in response to a final Office action dated May 6, 2003. Applicant filed a Brief on Appeal on November 26, 2003. The Examiner issued a Notification of Non-Compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.192(c) on February 12, 2004.

By filing the Request for Continued Examination, Applicant is requesting reopening of the prosecution of the above-captioned application, and hence, withdrawing the appeal.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

No amendment is made to the specification in this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.